

# LECTURES ANNOUNCED BY LIBRARY COMMITTEE

**Eminent Men Will Appear in Winchester, Paid From Funds of Late Judge Handley.**

**APPLE GROWERS PROSPEROUS**

**Fruit Raisers in Valley Are Shipping to Foreign Markets and Receiving Top Prices—Boys "Shoot Up" City and Are Heavily Fined.**

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

WINCHESTER, Va., December 12.—The lecture committee of the John Handley Memorial Library has announced a series of lectures this winter by some of the most eminent public speakers in the United States, who are to be paid out of funds left for that purpose by the late Judge Handley, of Southampton County.

The first lecture will be given by Dr. Harvey W. Wiley, of Washington, D. C., who for years has been connected with the government in scientific research work. He will discuss "Poisoning of the People." Others who are to deliver lectures are Dr. James H. Watson, of New York, and possibly Dr. David Starr Jordan, of Inwood, N. Y., whose plant collection and burned recently, has been valued at the amount of \$10,000.

Theodore Furley, father of Robert H. Furley, who was killed by falling timber, the suit has been filed in the Circuit Court of Berkeley County at Martinsburg, but it is thought a compromise will be made. In fact, negotiations are now in progress.

**GETTING BETTER PRICES**

Apple growers of the Winchester section are getting better prices for their better grades of fruit in England than had been anticipated. A week or two ago it was thought the top price had been reached, but cable advice to-day from Liverpool says Mrs. Thomas W. Steck, of Opegon, this county, has made a profit of \$4.52 per barrel for Newtown pippins and \$3.29 for York Imperial. The same market yesterday, while Henry Baker, of the county received in the same market prices ranging from \$3.25 to \$3.30 for Yorks packed to a minimum of two and a quarter inches. William S. Hiett & Son returns were the same. More winter apples are being sold in England by growers of the Winchester section this year than ever before in spite of the risks occasioned by the war. The Southern Railway alone has handled over 35,000 barrels of apples from its station at Front Royal, in Warren County, and 20,000 of those went to England. The deficit in the Winchester County will be much greater before the end of the season.

John Ebersole, eighty-three years old, a native of Pennsylvania, died suddenly of apoplexy a few nights ago at his home near Stephens City. Members of the family wanted to call in a doctor when he was taken ill, but he would not permit it, believing the attack would wear off. He died, however, in a short time. He was a prominent member of the Dunkard Church and a wealthy retired farmer.

All the telephone lines in the Shenandoah Valley are in good working order again, after being repaired by large forces of "trouble" men where damage was done by sleet during the early part of the week. Some of the county telephone lines were put out of commission entirely for several days, and the telegraph service was also badly crippled.

John W. Paul, sixty-seven years old, member of the prominent Virginia Valley family of that name, died at his home a day or two ago near Staunton. He was an older in the named old Tinkling Springs Presbyterian Church. A widow, formerly Miss Mary E. McComb; one son and two brothers, Rev. L. H. Paul, of Clifton Forge, Va., and Judge Christian Paul, of Texas, survive.

Mrs. Edna M. Smith, formerly of Winchester, but now of Baltimore, was granted a divorce in that city this week from Blake A. Smith, who it was alleged, abandoned her the day after their marriage, which took place March 11, 1911. A decree has been entered in the Clarke County Circuit Court at Berryville, awarding a divorce to Mrs. Ada Grubbs Johnson from P. E. Johnson, of Winchester. Two similar decrees have been entered in the Corporation Court of Winchester, one for Mrs. Bessie Barrett Symons against Clarence L. Symons, of Winchester, by which the mother is given the custody of their son, and the other

to Mrs. Elizabeth White Kirby against Vernon R. Kirby. In the latter case two children were disposed of, one to the mother and the other to the father. A crowd of young men who a few nights ago stoned policemen and citizens in the northeastern section of Winchester and terrified the residents of several neighborhoods paid dearly for it in Police Court. Joe Leith, of Berkeley County, W. Va., paid \$107 in fine and costs; Dorle Boyd, of this county, paid \$27; and Carl Turner and Walter and Harley Whitlock, also of this county, paid \$25 each.

Andrew J. Knight, of Front Royal, and his sister-in-law, Mrs. Mary Knight, widow of his dead brother, James Knight, were married recently in Baltimore, and the announcement was made when they returned to their home in Warren County.

The Cumberland Valley Railroad has employed several expert engineers to experiment with its passenger service locomotives, with a view of converting them into super-heaters, so that they will be capable of developing more power. Since the company replaced the old wooden coaches with all-steel cars the engines have been unable to maintain the regular schedule. If the experiments of the experts are as successful as expected, new and more powerful locomotives will be built.

The Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Company's lines now surround the town of Paw Paw, which is situated in Morgan County, W. Va., and along the main lines of that railroad. It is said to be the only town in the United States that is completely surrounded by a railroad. This came about with the completion of the new Magnolia cut-off, which was opened for traffic this week. Paw Paw is a typical boom town, in that its growth has taken place in a very short time. The town is now a center for the coal, iron and steel industries, and many of its residents are engaged in these pursuits.

## THE WEATHER

**Forecast: Virginia—Increasing cloudiness Sunday, probably rain; Monday snow or rain at night; Tuesday snow or rain.**

**North Carolina—Increasing cloudiness, probably rain Sunday; Monday clearing and colder.**

**Local Temperature Yesterday.**

12 noon temperature	39
3 P. M. temperature	40
8 P. M. temperature	39
Maximum temperature to 8 P. M.	41
Minimum temperature to 8 P. M.	37
Mean temperature	39
Normal temperature	41
Deficiency in temperature yesterday	2
Deficiency in temperature since March 1	22
Accumulated deficiency in temperature since January 1	22

**Local Rainfall Yesterday.**

Rainfall last twelve hours	None
Rainfall last twenty-four hours	.09
Deficiency in rainfall since March 1	1.12
Accumulated deficiency in rainfall since January 1	10.82

**Local Observations at 8 P. M. Yesterday.**

Temperature	32
Humidity	72
Direction, northeast; wind, velocity, 4; weather, clear.	

**CONDITIONS IN IMPORTANT CITIES.**  
(At 8 P. M. Eastern Standard Time.)

Place	Ther.	H. T.	W. T.	Weather.
Asheville	22	40	22	Cloudy
Atlanta	38	42	26	Cloudy
Baltimore	40	40	34	Clear
Boston	36	38	28	Clear
Buffalo	30	30	24	Cloudy
Calgary	8	22	6	Clear
Chicago	4	16	36	Clear
Denver	30	30	20	Cloudy
Detroit	18	18	16	Snow
Duluth	14	14	10	Snow
Galveston	60	62	48	Rain
Hatteras	42	46	38	Clear
Havre	10	10	10	Clear
Jacksonville	46	52	32	P. cloudy
Kansas City	30	32	20	Snow
Louisville	28	30	20	Cloudy
Montgomery	44	46	28	Cloudy
New Orleans	56	58	38	Rain
New York	32	32	22	Clear
Norfolk	38	42	34	Clear
Oklahoma	32	36	26	Cloudy
Pittsburgh	32	36	26	Clear
Raleigh	38	42	28	Clear
St. Louis	32	32	22	Snow
San Francisco	52	56	44	Clear
Savannah	42	48	32	Cloudy
Spokane	24	26	10	Clear
Tampa	54	56	38	Clear
Washington	32	36	22	P. cloudy
Winneapolis	12	14	2	Snow
Wytheville	30	36	24	Clear

**MINIATURE ALMANAC.**  
December 13, 1914.

Sun rises	7:18	Morning	12:52
Sun sets	4:51	Evening	1:36



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slaughter of game has been outrageous in this section of Virginia and the West Virginia border counties. Now that the Federal laws protect certain kinds of game birds and animals, persons convicted in the State courts also run the risk of being prosecuted in the United States court also, as two men were at Harrisonburg this week.

Many of the people living in small towns and villages along the line of the Chesapeake and Ohio Railway, especially in the vicinity of Staunton, Clifton Forge, Hinton and elsewhere, have deemed it necessary to arm themselves, and even have their places of business and homes watched at night because of the presence of several gangs of burglars by whom many robberies have been committed recently. The gangsters are declared to be very bold in their operations.

In addition to sending a large carload of fine winter apples to the Belgians through the Virginia Commission last week, the Winchester and Frederick County contributors to-day shipped two carloads of flour, clothing, canned goods and foodstuffs generally to Norfolk, where it will be loaded on the Virginia ship, which will sail for Belgium December 20. H. F. Byrd, of Winchester, who is chairman of the Seventh Congressional District, estimates that about \$4,000 in cash will be sent from the district in addition to large contributions of supplies.

Charles Rinker has been arrested and held for court in Hardy County, W. Va., charged with having knowledge of a number of incendiary fires that have occurred in that county recently. State and county officers made a quiet investigation, and Rinker was suspected of knowing a great deal about the fires. He is said to have professed his innocence.

David Silvius and Joseph C. Bauserman, of Page County, who went out into the mountains a few days, hunting for rabbits and other small game, were much surprised to see a young bear ambling along behind them; but when the animal made a move to fight, both men blazed away and killed him in his tracks. He weighed 100 pounds. The hunters found traces of other bears in the mountains, and many parties have been formed to get after them.

The grand jury of the Circuit Court of Frederick County has been in session all week engaged in the stupendous task of examining the property assessment books of the commissioners of revenue of the county, with a view of ascertaining whether any property owner has failed to give correct returns. Last three or four county residents last year reported incomes in excess of the \$2,000 allowed by law, and it is said there has been no material increase this year. Should the jury find that taxable property has been withheld, it is required by the statute to bring in indictments.

## DEED OF ASSIGNMENT

A deed of assignment has been made

by Gardner B. Hilliard, a local contractor and retail dealer in paints, oils and wall paper, to Sheriff Luther Fannett. Several Richmond firms are listed among the creditors. The liabilities amount to about \$300, exclusive of several trust deeds, and the assets are in the neighborhood of \$350.

John Woodson, a young married man of Harrisonburg, whose father, R. Lee Woodson, is a prominent business man, was arrested this week in connection with the recent robbery of the Union Railroad Station ticket office, when the iron safe was taken out, placed on a handcar and pushed down the tracks several miles, where it was cracked open and about \$175 taken. At the hearing, charges against young Woodson were withdrawn by the attorney for the Commonwealth, and he was discharged, but John Holloway, white, and George Turner, colored, were held for court. The express office was also entered at night, but nothing was stolen save a revolver.

In an effort to cut down operating expenses, the Cumberland Valley Railroad is making tests with double-header freight trains between Winchester and Harrisonburg, Pa., and also with double pushers on heavy grades. An eminently satisfactory test was made today or two ago with seventy-seven loaded cars, drawn by two engines of the Philadelphia and Reading Railroad. Good time was made, and it is announced that the company will probably adopt the plan of running double-headers with greater loads than heretofore. An official said it would mean a great saving.

## DR. SIMON FLEXNER RESIGNS

Leaves Carnegie Institution Because of Pressure of Other Work.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

NEW YORK, December 12.—Pressure of his work at the Rockefeller Institute and other duties was given as the reason for Dr. Simon Flexner's resignation from the Carnegie Institution, related in a dispatch from Washington. Dr. Flexner was not at the institution to-day, but his brother, Dr. Abraham Flexner, explained his reason for resigning.

"He simply hadn't any time to devote to the duties of the director of the Carnegie Institution," he said, "and, therefore, resigned."

# STREET LIFE IN PARIS SHOWS EFFECT OF WAR

**Horse-Drawn Cabs Have Returned, but Their Drivers Are No Longer Picturesque.**

**ALL TAXI DRIVERS AT FRONT**

**Men From Professions or Business Are Forced to Earn Living as Amateur Chauffeurs—Itinerant Singers Wander About Courtyards.**

[Correspondence of Associated Press.]

PARIS, November 30.—Horse-drawn cabs have returned to the streets with the progress of the war, but the outfits and their drivers are not as picturesque as they were in their heyday before the motor car came. The drivers are quieter now; they no longer crack their whips loudly, and they accept 5 cent gratuities with humble thanks.

All the younger taxicab drivers have disappeared, having been called to take their places in the army. Many of them have been put into the supply columns, which perform much excellent and sometimes dangerous service in bringing up munitions and food to the men in the trenches. Those taxicabs still in the city are driven by the older men and by amateur chauffeurs, who through the dislocation of business in some professions, have been thrown out of employment. One may learn from his chauffeur that in normal times he is a baritone of some renown at a leading opera house, or maybe a teacher of languages, or perhaps, a professor of fencing.

The Russian, British, Belgian and French national anthems form almost the sole items in the repertoire of the itinerant singers who wander from courtyard to courtyard of the Parisian apartment houses. Every window opens when the group, generally composed of a quartet, sometimes of quite passable voices, starts its music, and sometimes the occupants of the apartments, especially in the working-class quarters, join in the singing.

Other parties of musicians take their stand on the corners of streets, where they sing topical songs of the heroism of the allied soldiers. The interest of the populace in these bands is enormous, for nearly every one of the bystanders has a brother, son, father or other relative at the front, and all buy, at the price of 2 cents, copies of the words, and often join in the refrain.

The flower girls, with their "sweet violets" direct from the Riviera, which have never looked fresher nor more dainty, appear to have increased in number, perhaps because they are

more noticeable owing to the smaller crowds of pedestrians on the streets. A "shino," always difficult to obtain in France, is next to impossible at this period. The ancient bootblacks, sometimes women, leisurely wipe off some of the mud and then lay on a covering of the poorest kind of blacking, after which the polishing brush and cloth are applied without energy, leaving the footwar in a state of miserable dullness, at a charge in excess of that paid in any city of the United States.

"Fartouques" are sought for at the central markets by ever-increasing numbers of the outcasts of Paris every morning at an early hour. The "fartouques" are composed of what is left from the meals in the leading restaurants, and the name is a slang term for the variegated assortment of small pieces of meat, poultry and delicacies set on plates and sold at prices ranging from 2 to 5 cents.

The adoption by the French of the fashion of pipe-smoking and the enrollment of most of the male population in the army have dealt a hard blow at the gatherer of cigarette ends and cigar stumps, who for years was such a well-known figure about the terraces of the boulevard cafes. The amount of discarded mites of tobacco he picks up has generally decreased, and the newspaper boys who look to him to sell them for 2 cents a package of the dried and rolled-up refuse, which they were the chief purchasers, now obtain a smaller quantity for their money.

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Mme. Lemoine, salmon, ever-blooming tea, very hardy.  
Mrs. Sharrman Crawford, deep pink, extra fine.  
Ulrich Brunner, thornless, cherry red.  
Wm. A. Richardson, beautiful orange yellow.  
Magna Charta, very large, hardy pink.

**COLLECTION "B"**

Baron de Rothschild, light rosy pink, grand variety.  
Captain Christy, flesh color, rose center, very fine.  
Comard Ferd. Meyer, very large pink.  
Kaiserin Auguste Victoria, white, ever-blooming.  
Edouard Meyer, coppery yellow, ever-blooming.  
Etoile de France, rich crimson, ever-blooming.  
Etoile de Hollande, bright rosy pink.  
Frau Karl Druschki, grandest white rose in existence.  
Glorie de Dijon, salmon yellow, ever-blooming, sweetly scented.  
Dean Hole, silvery carmine, shaded salmon, ever-blooming.  
Ulrich Brunner, thornless, cherry red.

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Killarney, pink, ever-blooming, buds long and pointed.  
Lady Ashton, pure rose, ever-blooming tea.  
White Killarney, ever-blooming, grand variety.  
George C. Wand, vermillion red, ever-blooming tea.  
Magna Charta, very hardy pink.  
Baron de Rothschild, bright rosy pink.  
Grand soldat, salmon yellow, ever-blooming, sweetly scented.  
Gent. McArthur, deep rosy crimson, ever-blooming.  
Etoile de France, rich crimson, ever-blooming.

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